

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
January 12, 2015

President Comer opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Donnellon, Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Lehané, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Perin, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell. Mrs. Hedger motioned to excuse Mr. Donnellon. Mr. Lehané seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2014 Council Meeting and the January 5, 2015 Committee Meeting. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests – None

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee

December 2014 Income Tax Report

Mrs. Hedger announced that the income tax report is down a bit from this time last year. Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the December 2014 Income Tax report. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

December 2014 NW JEDZ Report

Mrs. Hedger stated that in 6 months (1/2 year of cooperation) the JEDZ total was \$279,802 with our share being \$5671.60. Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the December 2014 NW JEDZ Report. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

November 2014 Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the November 2014 Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Income Tax Review Board

Mr. Berens and Mayor Collins announced that Mr. Ron Tolliver, Mr. Jim Lenihan and Mr. Tom Brewer have been appointed to the Income Tax Review Board.

RESOLUTION 2015-01 Authorizing Legislation for Service Line Warranties of America

Mrs. Hedger asked the Clerk to read **RESOLUTION 2015-01**. So read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the three reading rule and Mr. Lehané seconded the motion. Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehané – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Perin. Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehané – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2015-02 Temporary Appropriation Ordinance

Mrs. Hedger asked the Clerk to read **ORDINANCE 2015-02**. So read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the three reading rule and Mr. Lehané seconded the motion. Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehané – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Lehané. Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehané – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Safety Committee

December 2014 Fire District Monthly Report

Mr. Lehane presented the December 2014 Fire District Report stating there were 42 Fire runs and 182 EMS runs for a total of 224. For the year 2014 there were 623 fire runs and 1869 EMS runs for a total of 2494 runs. The year to date dollar loss was \$135,250.00.

December 2014 Police Department Monthly Report

Mr. Perin presented the December 2014 Police Department Report highlighting that on December 9, 2014 Lt. Farmer, PO Faehr and a Special Agent from Homeland Security responded to the 4400 block of Clifford Road to investigate the purchase of illegal narcotics from outside the United States. A 10 year old boy was home with his mother and stated that he was home schooled by his father in the evenings. His mother appeared to be unable to care for him properly so the boy's father was contacted at work and was able to come home and care for his son. 241-KIDS was contacted to look into the matter further.

Mr. Perin noted what a great job was done with the small children who were out wandering after midnight on Galbraith Road last month and stated how great a community can be when we work together.

For the year 2014 there were 8545 calls for service with 275 of those being Offense/Incident Reports, 637 Arrests and 84 Auto Accidents. Job well done by our wonderful police department.

Public Works Committee

Redmont Improvement Project Update

Mr. Tassell announced that the Redmont improvement project is postponed for the Winter and that the project will resume in the Spring.

2014 Leaf Collection Update

Mr. Tassell reported that over 72 loads, which converts to 504 cubic yards, were picked up in the leaf collection of 2014.

Blue Ash Rd. Improvement Project Open House – January 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Tassell announced that there will be an open house on January 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the City Council meeting, regarding the Blue Ash Road improvement project. Please invite neighbors and residents. We welcome their feedback.

Other Boards or Committees with a Report

Park Board

Mr. Perin reported for Mr. Preston that the Park Board is thrilled to be receiving the NatureWorks grant from the ODNR. The exact amount of the grant is not yet known however it will allow the city to redo the tennis courts at Chamberlin Park. The Deer Park High School Tennis Team will be hosting home games here using 3 courts once the project is finished. The rest of the Christmas lights will be taken down this weekend as the cold weather delayed previous attempts. There is a Park Board meeting on January 15, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far – None

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – Mrs. Seitz read a letter from Patty Hadden and volunteers thanking the city for the donations collected in the barrel at the city building for the holiday food basket program. More than 100 families were provided with assistance during the holiday season.

New Business – None

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – None

Auditor – None

Safety Service Director – None

Mayor's Report – Mayor Collins mentioned that Mr. Harvey Alcorn recently passed away on Christmas Day. Mr. Alcorn was a lifelong resident of Deer Park, was President of Council and worked on the wonderful Veterans Memorial in Chamberlin Park. He is greatly missed.

Executive Session – RE: To Discuss Wages and Benefits for FOP Contract Negotiations

At 7:23 p.m., Mrs. Hedger motioned to retire to executive session to discuss wages and benefits for FOP Contract Negotiations – including only council members, Mr. Berens, Mr. Applegate, Mayor Collins, President Comer, Mrs. Seitz, Mr. Helmes and Mr. Todd. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

At 7:30 p.m., Mr. Perin motioned to end executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Mrs. Hedger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Newsom. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Joanie Perin-Seitz
Clerk of Council